



Arizona Department of Education

Educator & School Excellence Arts Education

State Seal of Arts Proficiency: COVID-19 Impact Guidance

School closures have impacted many plans and events relating to student engagement in the arts and other enrichment courses. We have also received several inquiries and concerns about student completion of the minimum requirements for the State Seal of Arts Proficiency.

ADE's Arts Education prioritizes the health and safety of Arizona students and communities during this time. We recognize the tremendous efforts and flexibility of administrators & teachers across the state to meet the needs of Arizona students as they continue to work toward graduation.

ADE Arts Education plans to continue to offer the State Seal of Arts Proficiency to this year's graduating students, granting an extension on the reporting deadline for administrators due to these unprecedented circumstances. We encourage LEAs with arts seal students who are impacted by COVID-19 school closures to offer flexibility via alternative online, phone, or mail-in submission formats to provide safe social distance options to meet minimum requirements. The LEA has the authority under [R7-2-321](#) to determine which students have met minimum requirements and how they are able to do so. **We plan to move forward collecting STREAMLINED [LEA Student Seal Achievement Reports](#) for graduating students who meet the State Seal of Arts Proficiency Requirements.** The deadline for these achievement reports has been extended from Wednesday April 15th at 5pm until **Sunday April 26th at 11:59pm**. Seals will be received up to a week after submission of the report.

There will be no negative effect on program participation for LEAs who are not able or choose not to submit the Student Achievement Report this year; however, LEAs who choose not to complete the report will not receive State Seals of Arts Proficiency for qualifying students.

Thank you for your continued dedication to supporting the well-rounded and artful education of your students. ADE Arts Education is here to support you during this time.

Keep your creative spark burning,

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